

BAR HARBOR CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
MINUTES- REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

ITEM 1

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7pm. Present were: Handel, Wheeler, Watson, Ocel, Albert, Haskell, Anne K. and Lauren.

Discussion- Tour of Southwest Harbor Transfer Station. (notes follow)

-Tour of Mill Brook property. Seems in good standing. Possible issues with erosion and water run off. Discuss later?

ITEM 2

EXCUSED ABSENCES

There were no absences.

ITEM 3

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes were accepted with the following amendments: "Reel Pizza previews, rather than intermissions" "We'd like the video on all channels" "Erica Schriener" "Haskell, rather than Haskel"

ITEM 4

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted with focus on planning Summit. Change "wind turbine to cell phone tower"

ITEM 5

OLD BUSINESS

-Dark Skies-Patrick reports on the green building tours. M. A. will work the MDI Bio Lab tour, Anne W.- COA tour, Carla- NE Creek tour, Patrick- MCHT tour.

-Goal Setting-our funding requests to Council- our 'Council check in"- Oct. 6. Jill will represent us- to ask for funding for Cruise Ship monitoring.

- "The Conservation Commission supports the water quality monitoring of Cruise Ship discharge. Even if a random- all maiden voyages."

we'd like to discuss waste management

Brochure for watersheds- Northeast Creek and others

Public education for dark sky compliant lighting fixtures brochure to go out with tax bill

ITEM 6

NEW BUSINESS

-Staff Reports. Lauren reports-

-Beginning With Habitat- all information is now on the town server.

-Vernal Pools- talked with Dawn- mapping should be done consistent with State regulations. Lauren will give report to Brian-we'd like to have letters thanking landowners for volunteering their pools in the survey.

-Dark Skies- Lauren called towns about their Dark Skies ordinance status.

-Summit- Lauren provided a list and information on Summit planning. She has sent "save the date" cards. She has done a RSVP reservation form.

-Enoch requested that we discuss the proposed cell phone tower at Sweet Pea Farm. The By-Way

committee is concerned about the aesthetics. There was no agreement on a “stand” by the Conservation Commission.

---Conservation Summit 2009 Planning-

-Jill reports that Ron Beard is booked but Caroline Pryor has agreed to be our facilitator. We are pleased with this offer.

-We should collect data like “how much does each town pay for recycling” . Ask League of Towns. “There are a number of models on the island- they are as follows..” “We want to look forward and think about the future, what makes the most sense in how we do waste management.”

3 Presenters- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

-Toby Stevenson from Ellsworth has agreed to present.- (reuse)

-Maine Resources Recovery Association ( recycling)-they are willing to present. Enoch will contact them with details.

-Erica Schriener (reduce)

-We'll ask Caroline to help us to formulate action or goal for break out groups.

-Use recyclable plates and napkins.

Calls to Towns- gather informaton- Patrick- Mt. Desert, Cynthia- Southwest Harbor, Carla- Ellsworth, Anne W.- LaMoine, M.A.-Tremont, Enoch- Trenton, Staff- Outer Islands.

-How much do you spend on Solid Waste?- annually

-What is the tonnage?

-What is your total solid waste tonnage?

-What do you recycle?

-How many tons do you recycle?

-What is the cost of total solid waste management?

-Do you do curb side pick up?

-What is your population?

#### ITEM 7

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

-De-brief Jill's meeting with Town Council.

-Talk with Caroline Pryor

-Summit planning

#### ITEM 8

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38pm

Submitted by Anne Wheeler, Sect.